



**PATENT**

Atty. Docket No. 041144F005

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:

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For: POLYMORPHISM IN P21<sup>WAF1/CIP1</sup> GENE,  
ASSOCIATION WITH CANCER AND  
USES RELATED THERETO

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY  
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

A response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply dated June 6, 2001 and Notice to File Missing Parts was due by June 2, 2001. A Petition for Extension of time (one month) is enclosed, thereby extending the date for response to July 2, 2001. Therefore, please accept this Response as timely filed.

Prior to examination on the merits and in response to the notice to comply, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Applicants have attached to this Amendment a document entitled "**INSERTIONS TO THE SPECIFICATION.**" Please replace the indicated paragraph of the specification with

the new paragraph as indicated in the document entitled "INSERTIONS TO THE SPECIFICATION."

#### REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of this application.

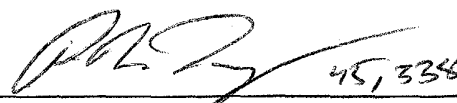
Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-16 will remain pending in this application.

Early and favorable action on the merits of this application is earnestly solicited.

If additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment or the accompanying Sequence Listing Submission, such as fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-4300; Order No. 041144.005.

Respectfully submitted,

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